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SUBJECT: UNESCO INTEREST IN ARAB FUNDED DEVELOPMENT  
ACITIVITIES.

1. MAHDI ELMANDJRA, MOROCCAN, HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO D.G. FOR LIAISON WITH VARIOUS ARAB DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. ELMANDJRA HAS SERVED AS ADG FOR PRE-PROGRAMMING AND EARLIER AS ADG FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE AND CULTURE. ELMANDJRA AND US PERMDEL HAVE LONG AND CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

2. ELMANDJRA WILL BE MAKING INITIAL THREE WEEK VISIT TO VARIOUS HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARAB DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO EXPLAIN UNESCO'S EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN SERVING AS EXECUTING AGENCY FOR ARAB FUNDED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN UNESCO'S AREAS OF COMPETENCE, AND TO LEARN OF VARIOUS FUNDS PRIORITIES, AREAS OF CONCENTRATION AND PROCEDURES. VISITS WILL INCLUDE KUWAIT, QUATAR, UNITED ARAB EMI-

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RATES, SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT.

3. ELMANDJRA HAS MADE PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH PERM  
DELS OF VARIOUS DONOR COUNTRIES (U.S., U.K., FRG AND  
SCANDINAVIANS) TO TELL THEM OF HIS MISSION AND TO  
OBTAIN INFORMAL REACTIONS TO IDEA OF POSSIBLE THREE  
WAY PROJECTS BETWEEN EXPERIENCED AID DONORS, NEW ARAB  
DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND UNESCO TO MOUNT TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN UNESCO'S  
AREAS OF COMPETENCE.

4. US PERMDEL TOLD ELMANDJRA THAT IDEA WAS INTERESTING  
ALTHOUGH NO REPEAT NO PRIOR COMMITMENTS COULD BE MADE.  
IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT US HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN UNESCO  
FUNDS-IN-TRUST TYPE UNDERTAKINGS. HOWEVER, IT POINTED  
OUT THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF COMPLEMENTARY  
PROJECTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES WHERE AID HAD PARTICI-  
PATED WITH SELECTED UN AGENCIES, E.G. THE POSSIBLE WMO  
PROJECT IN SAHEL, THE WHO RIVER BLINDNESS  
PROJECT IN WEST AFRICA; SAHEL RELIEF EFFORTS; IVORY  
COAST EDUCATION TELEVISION PROJECT WITH IBRD, UNESCO,  
AID AND OTHERS.

5. US PERMDEL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING KEPT INFORMED  
BY ELMANDJRA OF REACTIONS OF THE VARIOUS ARAB DEVELOP-  
MENT FUNDS.

6. FOR INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING  
INFORMED OF LOCAL REACTIONS TO ELMANDJRA VISIT, AND TO  
POSSIBLE INTEREST OF ARAB STATES OR ARAB DEVELOPMENT  
FUNDS IN UTILIZING UNESCO AS EXECUTING AGENCY FOR THEIR  
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.  
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